

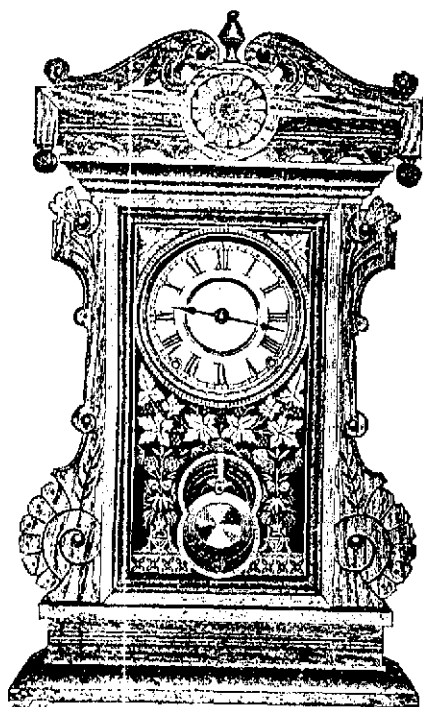
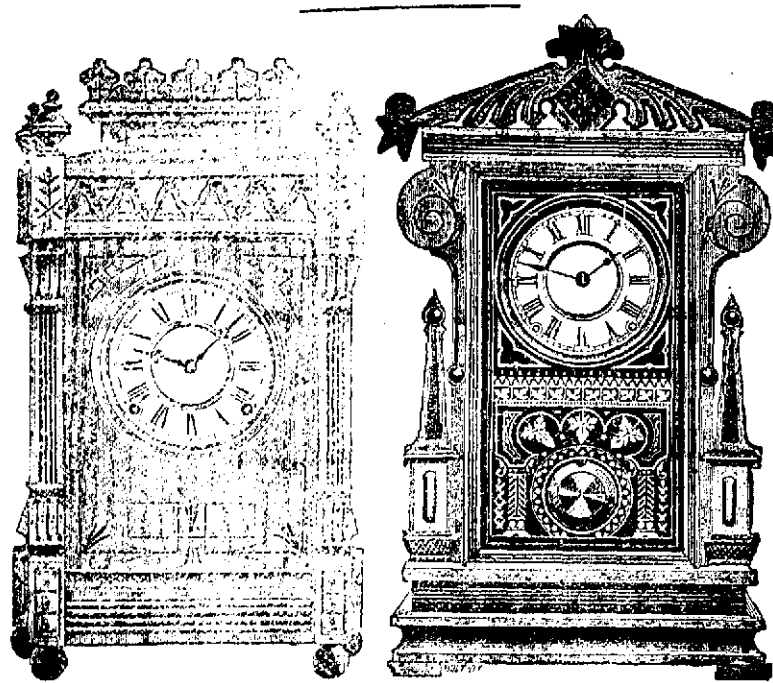








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### DINGES & CLOYD'S.

WEDNESDAY EVE, FEB. 8, 1888.

### LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to  
E. D. BARTOLOMEW & Co's.  
Prayer meetings this evening.  
BELL NITE coming Feb. 14. 21-2nd

Severe degrees above zero this morning, a full of 23 degrees in 24 hours.  
The great play, "Forgiveness," to-morrow night.

The opera L'Elisir at the opera house Saturday night. 8-14  
Good groceries every day at Niedermeyer's popular store on the Mount.

The men who pay the county bills are in town.  
On the celebrated White Foam and Domestic family flour. You will like it.  
Pretty Jamboree and catching music Friday night.

Hear the Goodman Band concert to-night at the opera house. It will surprise you.  
CALL ON KRODE & Oshorn at 121 North Water street for superior groceries and butcher's fruits.

JARBEAU has found "Starlight" a most interesting bit of nonsense. That's enough, don't you think?  
Yesterday J. W. Weigand met with an accident while handling a box. One of the fingers of his right hand was broken.

For all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and rolls, go to the bakery of August & Young, 633 North Morgan street. None better in the city.  
DANVILLE has a free night school for boys and girls. The first night 75 persons enrolled their names. It is a good idea and should be adopted in Decatur.

The best of soft and hard coal in quantities to suit at W. H. Short's office; also a full line of stock feed.  
Secure your seats early Thursday morning for the Bensberg Opera Company, which appears here Saturday night.

The Decatur friends of J. W. Ragland who had to go to Saline county on important business, have learned that he has settled his case satisfactorily to all parties concerned, and that he will return to this city next week.

Use Stollberg's White Lint and Daily Bread Flour.  
Justice Olson had two cases before him yesterday afternoon. The total assessment was \$11.10.

D. F. HANSEN has a fine line of Iron Felloes and Mitchell wagons at his place on Wood street which he invites special attention. Low figures also on carriages and buggies.  
FINNAN HADDER at Dinges & Cloyd's. 128-1st

R. A. NEWELL, overseer of the poor, has a sprained foot. He got it in the back yard of his son's home, while going for a bucket of coal to carry into the kitchen. He navigates with difficulty.

Rev. D. E. MAY, formerly of the Decatur circuit, has been having a remarkably successful revival at his church at McLean, assisted by Rev. G. L. Miller, who is now at Charleston, Ill. There were about 70 conversions at Rev. May's church and 47 additions.

"It's worth its weight in gold," is a common expression. But, while the value of gold is easily affected, the worth of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, as a blood purifier, never depreciates. It will eradicate scrofula from the system when everything else fails.

You have a standing invitation to buy reliable good groceries, such as potatoes and fruits at Hanks & Patterson's store.  
The section of the ladies of the Presbyterian church of which Mrs. Westby is president will give a March Washington reception and supper on the eve of February 22d in Gallagher block.

Smoked the White Cross, the new five-cent cigar, manufactured by John C. O'Brien, sold by all first-class dealers. Try it and be convinced that it is the best nickel cigar ever made or sold in Decatur.

Buy groceries and vegetables at Geo. Raeburn's store, and don't forget that he has a first-class meat market in connection with the store.  
D. W. BRENNEMAN & Bro. will hold a public sale, March 6, 1888, at their farm, one-half mile north of Decatur, of 40 head of Grade Clyde and Norman mares and Geldings from 3 to 5 years old. Jan 25 dwtw

MISS KATE BENSBERG well merits the many compliments paid her by the press wherever she has appeared. She is a very natural actress and her voice is delightful.—New York Mirror.

"My little son, three years of age, was terribly afflicted with scrofula. His head was entirely covered with scrofulous sores, and his body showed many marks of the disease. A few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him."—W. J. Beckett, Hymera, Ind.

Illustrate the children in the art of music, and let them a first-class instrument, like the Haines Bros' pianos, sold by C. B. Prescott.

Strut at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store and learn the exceedingly low prices for household appliances.

Mural Decoration:  
My specialty this year is fine work in the above line. I will guarantee every job to give satisfaction.  
LOUIS H. ABER.

The Bingham Shop will make you low figures on valise work.

THE COUNTY SENATORS.

Mass Convention of Supervisors of the State—Committees Appointed.

In September of last year Supervisor M. M. Stookey, of Belleville, introduced a resolution at the session of the St. Clair county board, suggesting that a mass convention of all supervisors of Illinois be held in Decatur. In conformity with this resolution and after the motion had been seconded by about 50 supervisors in different parts of the state, the local committee—Supervisors Woodcock, Durfee, Imboden, Mancke, Hanes and Hipper—issued the call, fixing the date for February 8, to-day. In the call the purpose of the mass convention was set forth in the following language:

The object of said convention being to discuss in its various branches, and so far as possible make the system more uniform over the entire state, and also to discuss such other matters as may come before the convention.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.  
The hour fixed for the opening was 10 o'clock, at which time there were about 20 visiting supervisors in the court room. After an informal talk a temporary organization was effected by the election of Frank Perrin, of St. Clair county, as chairman, and J. W. Yants, of Shelbyville, as secretary.

On motion the following committees were appointed:  
On Credentials—J. S. Hartman, of Jackson county; R. H. Woodcock, of Macon; Ira T. Baird, of Shelby; James Tontz, of Madison, and E. Nixon, of Monroe.

On Permanent Organization—C. M. Twadell, of Macon county; G. S. Durfee, of Macon; C. J. Miner, of Shelby; John Campbell, of Henderson, and E. F. Irish, of Macon.

On Rules and Order of Business—Frank Perrin, of St. Clair county; E. R. Moffet, of Macon; P. Helman, of Richland; G. W. Moore, of Morgan, and Geo. Biddle, of Cole.

The convention then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and the committees retired to perform their duties.

NOTES.  
The supervisors may linger with us until to-morrow. They are here to become acquainted with each other and to come to an understanding as to the best methods of managing county affairs.

Possibly the organization will be made permanent and regular annual meetings held.

The members of the Macon county board are the hosts of the occasion and will do the honors generously.

The visiting supervisors had hard work to find the Decatur court house.  
Gen. Rinkor, Judge Wilkin, Senator Pierson, Commissioner Rogers and Major Emery are mingling with the supervisors. There are about 100 supervisors in the city.

Look Here, Visitors.  
The special attention of all visiting supervisors and members of the I. O. M. A. society, is directed to the grand concert to be given to-night at the opera house by Goodman's band, famous all over the state as the best organization of the kind in the west. The band will give a musical treat second only in merit to the entertainments that have made Gimare famous. The price of admission is very low—25 cents; reserved seats 35 cents. Hear the concert.

HARRY SNABER has invested \$700 in a fine soda fountain. He has obtained the sole right to sell Gunther's brand in Decatur the coming season.

LAST evening Mrs. E. A. Gastman entertained the members of her Sabbath school class at the Baptist church by giving them a reception at her home from 3 to 11 o'clock. The young men engaged in a variety of intellectual games and partook of the fine refreshments served. The guests were Julius Westermann, Albie Bower, Bert Clark, Floyd Gastman, Lynn Barnes, Frank Menck, Lou Conards and Elmer Bower.

"Der Leedle German Band" came to town to-day with the supervisors to make free music on the streets.

The Jubilee Singers.  
Mr. C. B. Wilson, manager of the Waifs' Home Jubilee Singers, formerly the Tennesseeans, consisting of eight colored artists, will give a grand concert Friday night at Music Hall for the benefit of the Waifs' Training School, a new institution of Chicago. We are assured that it deserves a large patronage. The troupe has free transportation to any point on the Illinois Central road. Admission 50 and 25 cents.

"Many Colored Dancers" write to inform us that the item in yesterday's paper concerning the white man who misbehaved at the ball was wrong in this, that he was not knocked down or thrown out because of his attempt to participate in the festivities, but because he was drunk and made a nuisance of himself. It was found necessary to give him a little salvation oil, and the colored boys say they will teach these dead heads to observe the proprieties by giving them the same sort of medicine, if they need it.

The rehearsals for the May Festival will begin at Music Hall on Thursday evening, February 9th. Singers will please be in at 7 o'clock. The amusement generally known.

PASSA Baltimore oysters by the can or in bulk, country butter and vegetables at J. Lytle & Co's grocery store.

JARBEAU is packing the theatre to the skylight with "Starlight." This goes to prove that the clever little star is an unusually bright woman. More power to her.

The Boston Combination coffee is famous, good, liked by everybody. Buy it at Lehman & Bolen's grocery store.

Don't forget the Moore Bros', in opera block for excellent groceries, fresh butter and California fruits.

"Instantaneous" Photograph Gallery.  
I have leased the "Tower" art gallery and will be ready for business Saturday February 11, 1888. I have come to stay, and if you desire good photos give me a call. All parties having work done on Saturday next, I will give them a Photo of the Famous "Jug Rock," of Shoals, Indiana. The picture is on exhibition at the gallery, corner of South Park and Water streets, over Paddecoot & Burrows' bank. Hoping to have a share of the public patronage. I am

Yours Respectfully,  
Feb 8-1888 H. A. WAZLAGE.

UPHOLSTERING and Furniture Repairing done by A. Beert. Will please everybody. Lincoln Square. Jan 15-1888.

The Animals of the Owaneco Case.

With reference to the above case we feel warranted in saying that in view of facts brought out in the evidence at the hearing of the case on last Friday before J. M. Anderson, a local justice of the peace, that they were such as would completely vindicate Dr. Cussins and clear him of the various charges made against him. We are informed that the above is the view taken of the case in the community where the doctor has been so favorably known for the past ten years, where he has a large and constantly increasing practice, and we are glad to say this unfortunate affair has in no way shaken the confidence of the people in him, and has not affected his business or professional standing in the least. We understand the doctor brands the whole affair as a scheme to blackmail him and through parties outside of the family to ruin his political, business and professional prospects. Dr. Cussins was in Decatur on Tuesday. He is a young man who in his boyhood secured a good education in Decatur, and during his long sojourn in this community he conducted himself without reproach. He has lived at Owaneco 10 years practicing his profession and having the fullest confidence of the best people of that part of Christian county. Socially, professionally and politically he is popular, being a member and chairman of the county board of supervisors. The effort to blast his reputation has failed of its purpose. Among the doctor's many friends was the young girl's own uncle who went on his board. There was no foundation whatever for the serious charge against the doctor who easily established his innocence at the preliminary hearing.

The Latest Style.  
Dance fashion now rules from the stage. Not very long ago  
Six button kids were all the rage;  
Our good wife tells us so.  
But now the style has changed again.  
From under lady like bright Jarbeau  
While all the men  
Watch her two button kids.  
Of Mary's little hand speak not,  
Whose feet as white as snow  
New laces in some forgotten spot  
Where roses bud and  
I'd rather have that pretty pair,  
Which with a woman's tender care,  
Those brown two button kids.

JarbEAU and her company will give "Starlight" Friday night at the opera house.

A TRAVELING man from Aurora who was in Decatur last week on business, has an invalid wife who is afflicted with a tumor of the uterus. The family physician wrote the gentleman while he was in this city, that he had tapped the woman 33 times during the past five years, and in that time by actual measurement he had drawn from her 84 barrels of water.

Sales of Real Estate.  
Gertrude Schreier to Peter Schreier, 80 acres in 13, 17, 18—\$2,000 and love and affection.  
Charles M. Ritchie to W. E. Cooper, lots 9 and 10 in block 2, Ritchie's addition to Warrensburg—\$80.

Matthias Zetterell to Benedict Young, quit claim to 20 acres in 21, 15, 1—\$1,000.  
P. M. Wilkoff to Ida J. Baker, north half of lot 1 in block 5, Decatur—\$3,500.  
Ida J. Baker to P. M. Wilkoff, 71 acres in Decatur township—\$3,500.

Anna J. Barabart to Jacob Stinsult, warranty deed to tract of land 45 feet in width of the west side of lot 6 in block 1 of W. Martin's third addition to Decatur, \$475.

Henry M. Whitmer to Francis L. Williams, warranty deed to tract of land commencing 120 east of the northwest corner of lot 15 of the east half of the southwest quarter of section 4, township 16, range south 210 feet, thence east 60 feet, thence north 210 feet, thence west 60 feet to place of beginning, \$500.

PERSONAL MENTION.  
Ford Greer returned to Lafayette last night.  
Judge Wilkin arrived in the city last night from Danville.

Rev. W. H. Prestley returned yesterday from Omeinsati.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bobo are in Maroa visiting friends.

W. H. Johnson has gone to Oregon on a prospecting trip.  
Mrs. A. C. Cornman, of St. Louis returned home to-day.

Senator Pierson, one of the Republican candidates for secretary of state, is in the city to look after his fences.

Mrs. S. P. Hoy has returned home from Springfield, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Lawrence, who is seriously ill.

W. H. Lion arrived home from Hot Springs, Ark., yesterday. He feels better since his return. He states that Judge Bass and James Mullikin, who are at the Springs, are greatly improved in health.

A. A. Murray, of Valley Falls, Kansas, writes, in renewing his subscription: "The Weekly REPUBLICAN, coming as it has every week, is the next thing to meeting an old friend from Decatur. In fact, we should be lost without it, and I hope nothing may occur to prevent its weekly visits."

The "Forgiveness" Play.  
Mr. Fred Bryton, who is a stranger to our amusement goers, but has thousands of admirers in the east, will appear to-morrow night in the powerful play "Forgiveness." Mr. Bryton, who will be supported by the same company that filled the New York engagement, is spoken of as one of the most eminent artists of modern times.

"Forgiveness" is one of the most intensely interesting plays ever put on the local stage. It has a story which appeals to the sympathies of all classes of theatre goers, and the dramatic effects are brought out in such a manner as make them most effective and impressive. The characterizations are all natural, and therefore the most striking, and the interest of the play is so strong as to maintain the almost breathless attention of an audience throughout. It may be expected that Mr. Bryton will play a very fine engagement here, for he is an actor of great power and popularity.

Tan Court House restaurant is a good place to board by the week. Day board \$3 per week. Board and room \$4. Good rooms and table. Give us a call. 139 South Water Street.

The Star Course Club Bats.  
Talent—Bill W. Col. Sanford, Col. Copeland and the Star Concert by Decatur's local musicians.  
Single Season reserve seat ticket, \$1.25. In Clubs of FIVE or MORE taken at one time, \$1.00 each.

These tickets must all be taken and seats selected at Saxton's Book Store previous to the evening of lecture. 13-36-wt

MARRIED.  
City Judge Nelson, at his office, February 6, 1888, solemnized the marriage of Miss Elsie E. Miller, of Hartford, Ill., to George A. Green, of Decatur, Ill.

MUSIC AND SPEECHES.

Mutual Aid Members Have a Gay Time at Colonial Hall.

After the formal opening of the annual state convention of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid in the hall of Colonial Lodge of Odd Fellows yesterday afternoon, and the submission of the annual reports in printed form, the organization gave an opening reception in the evening, which was well attended, chiefly by the members of the order. The presence of a number of representatives of "old line" insurance companies was noted and these gentlemen on hearing the addresses were more or less impressed with the fact that co-operative life insurance is bound to boom.

Mr. John Irwin, of Decatur, occupied the chair during the evening of music and speeches, announcing the numbers on the program as published in these columns last evening. On behalf of Decatur, City Attorney Mills delivered a cordial address of welcome to the fine looking and intelligent visitors, and Hon. M. W. Mathews, of Urbana, responded briefly in his happiest vein.

"Our Order" was the topic discussed in a breezy, sensible manner by Hon. Alex. McLeant, of Macomb, the high-hearted president of the association. He is certainly in love with the co-operative plan of life insurance. In the course of his stirring talk he humorously alluded to the fact that he is reminded about every two years of increasing responsibilities and the necessity of providing for the future, that his widow and children may not be in immediate need in case of his death.

He loves the I. O. M. A. because it keeps its pledges and because not one of the widows or children of deceased members is in want. Referring to the official reports he spoke of the flourishing condition of the order with its 3,000 members and the reserve fund balance of nearly \$6,000, and every obligation met. The president took his seat amidst a tempest of applause.

Judge Langley, of Champaign, discussed "Co-operative Insurance" as proxy for Secretary W. M. Arise, of Quincy, who excused himself from attempting to speak because he didn't have a silver tongue. The secretary had exhausted his eloquence in his annual report of 30 pages of facts and figures, and so Judge Langley kindly took his place and spoke eloquently of co-operative insurance, going into details and making points that struck home every time to the man who is not insured. The allusions to the "old line" companies were not flattering.

J. N. Jamison, of Chicago, spoke rather solemnly at first on the "Sunny Side of Insurance," but before he took his seat he clearly demonstrated that life insurance brings peace of mind and comfort and brightness after death to the widow and orphans, instead of poverty and gloom. Mr. Jamison has a poor opinion of "old line" companies. He had no hesitancy in expressing his opinion.

The addresses were interspersed by musical selections by the opera house orchestra, Prof. Bull and Mr. Walters each giving solos that won rapturous applause. The reception was a thoroughly enjoyable affair. Owing to the lateness of the hour, J. M. Adair and T. J. Schofield were not called upon to speak.

THE BUSINESS SESSION.  
At the business session held this forenoon the grand lodge disposed of a large amount of routine business, receiving resolutions and referring them to committees and acting on annual reports. It was voted that hereafter all small lodges shall secure suitable lodge rooms in which to meet and transact business. This afternoon at four o'clock the election of grand lodge officers will occur. The sessions will close to-morrow.

A LARGO number of friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. M. Dimock, which took place yesterday afternoon, the Baptist church choir furnishing the music. Rev. Mr. Bowdon, of Champaign, conducted the services, and Henry Smith, J. M. Bower, J. W. Wiswell, J. E. Saxton, Edwin Park, G. D. Randolph, served as pallbearers. Interment in Greenwood cemetery.

Elwin Notes.  
There is one case of scarlet fever at Elwin. About 25 persons have been exposed. One scholar has been taken from the school. No new cases yet.

Mr. Older ships three carloads of hogs this week to Chicago.  
Conard & Co. have seven carloads of grain ready to ship.

He was selecting presents for his girl before Christmas. He bought an amber comb, a box of caramels, and a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and showed himself thereby a right sensible dude.

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Southern Land Excursion.  
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Chicago Grain Market.  
The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.  
WHEAT—74½ Feb; 75½ Mar; 75½ April; 80½ May.  
Corn—45½ Feb; 46 Mar; 46½ April; 50½ May.  
Oats—25½ Feb; 26½ Mar; 29 April; 32½ May.  
Pork—\$14.20 March; \$14.25 April; \$14.40 May.  
Lard—\$7.75 Mar; \$7.80 April; \$7.90 May.  
Rise—\$7.57 Mar; \$7.62 April; \$7.72 May.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 15,000; prospects allow. Cattle, 9,000; prospects allow. Car Lots—Wheat, winter, 7; spring, 24. Corn, 104. Oats, 51.

A full line of Boys' and Youth's Patent Leather Slippers just received at Powers & Haworth.



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NIGHT DRESSES, SKIRTS, Chemises, CORSET COVERS, INFANTS' DRESSES.

These goods are made to our Special order on Lockstitch Machines. Our order having been placed before the advance in Cottons, they will be sold for less than they can be bought to-day.

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You can't make a mistake in buying one.

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142 EAST MAIN STREET.



WE MADE A CLEAN SWEEP  
Of Holiday Goods  
—AT—  
+THE WHITE FRONT+  
And as we did not MARK UP BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS we do not have to MARK DOWN after.

For a Good Square Deal, go to  
JOHN IRWIN'S WHITE FRONT,  
Post Office Block.

THE KNOX HAT.

We have secured the Agency of the  
CELEBRATED KNOX HAT

We are showing the New Shape for the  
+SPRING SEASON.+

New Line of  
+Spring Overcoats.+

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Whoop Her Up Liza Jane! The Boom has Come.

GREAT AUCTION SALE!  
Eight Joe Dandy Lots; Best Residence Lots in the City, AT  
YOUR OWN PRICE—On a Credit of 10 Years.  
Interest Only 7 Per Cent.  
Benefit of PAVED STREET, STREET CARS, Banker  
"Jim" Millikin's and Hog Ringer Hill's Elegant Lawns.

We are authorized to sell AT AUCTION on  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1888.

At 2 p. m., on the premises, without limit or reserve,  
the block of ground located at the corner of West  
Main and Pine streets, now occupied by A. Wait as a  
residence. It will be subdivided into 8 lots, four front-  
ing on West Wood street and four on West Main  
street, with a frontage of 50 feet each.

If you want the best residence lots in the city wait  
until March 22, and make your own price and terms.  
Parties purchasing can make terms of payment to suit  
themselves, or in ten annual installments, conditions  
that they improve this season. 10 per cent. of the pur-  
chase money will be required to be paid on day of sale,  
same to be returned when improvements are made.  
Those who purchase not intending to improve this season,  
10 per cent. on day of sale and 15 per cent. in 30 days.  
House of 3 rooms, in good condition, on one of the West Main street lots,  
will be opened for inspection three days, immediately before sale, or at any other  
time by getting special order from us.

+JESSE LEFORS & SONS+

PROPOSAL  
"The Goldbug, excuse me from kneeling,  
My trousers have been pressed;  
No doubt you're aware of the feeling  
That surges tonight in my breast.  
Aw! Fact is my Giv has decided  
I've got quite enough about town.  
Suggested to me wader wader—  
He thought it time I settled down.  
"I'm not very much on the mahay,  
But thought of you—well, wife away  
You are, aw! may I call you baby?  
Thanks! Wader goodforn I say say,  
All you need is name and position,  
And that I am ready to give;  
Owen then a year in addition,  
We beggars should certainly live.  
"You accept me? I thought so. Thank Heaven,  
I've one trouble out of my mind;  
Well, I must be off, for it's seven.  
May I kiss you? Thanks! Awfully kind.  
Is in a dudge of a flurry.  
"The six girls I popped to I missed;  
No wonder I got in a wolver.  
For you were the latest on the list!"  
—E. D. Pierce, in Drake's Magazine.

ONE NIGHT OF MY LIFE.  
A Never-to-Be-Forgotten Experi-  
ence With a Madman.

MY DARLING ALICE—I will try and be with  
you tonight. My business takes me to a small  
town about twenty miles from your house, and  
I could not bear to be so near you without look-  
ing into your sweet eyes and hearing you say  
that you are true to me, so I shall ride over in  
the afternoon, and, God willing, shall hold you  
in my arms to-night.  
YOUR OWN JACK.  
Having dispatched my day's business  
and sent this letter to my sweetheart,  
I, the Jack, in the morning, hastened to  
hire a horse for the purpose of rid-  
ing the twenty miles which separated me  
from Alice, my betrothed bride. As my business—which was that of a  
traveling agent for a prosperous house—  
obliged me to be often away from  
home, a chance like this to see Alice  
was very precious to me.

It was six o'clock in the evening  
when I started out on my horse from  
the door of the inn where I had been  
stopping. In vain was it that the land-  
lord tried to dissuade me; his account  
of the lonely and desolate road, and  
of the frightful things which had hap-  
pened on it, of the murders and mid-  
night horrors which hung over it,  
could not turn me from my purpose.  
Even the thought that I must pass by  
the haunted rock, in the dark, alone,  
and with no hope of aid, should I  
quiver it, that I must ride through  
passes, which the village legends  
peopled with spirits and ghosts of the  
departed travelers, could not deter me.  
I spurred onward amid the dark fore-  
bodings of those assembled to witness  
my rash departure, my landlord's  
prophecy of a sudden and violent  
storm ringing in my ears as I went. I  
treated these superstitious tales as  
merely the inventions of ignorant  
villagers, and the sounds which were  
reported to issue from the haunted  
rock, as, at best, coming from the  
throat of some human enemy, against  
whom a pistol would be most effec-  
tive.

There were still two hours of day-  
light before me, and as I rode along I  
was lost in thoughts of my sweetheart.  
I seemed to see her standing on her  
vine-covered porch, ready to welcome  
me with her bright smile. The dainty  
figure, with its blue eyes and waving  
hair, rose before my eyes, and so vivid  
was the vision that I spoke her name  
aloud. The sound of my own  
voice startled me, and, looking up for  
the first time, I saw that the sky was  
growing black, the wind was howling,  
and rumbling, distant thunder was in  
the air.

It had come—the storm which my  
landlord had foretold. I spurred on  
my horse; a big drop of rain splashed  
over my face; the darkness thickened;  
and at the same instant through the  
gloom loomed up the outlines of the  
huge boulder, which a ruin in the road  
had been hidden from my sight. A  
slight shiver crept over me as I re-  
called the tales connected with it, and  
thought upon my own lonely situation.  
Something of this feeling seemed to  
enter into my horse, for as we neared  
the rock, shrouded in darkness, he  
trembled from head to foot. Using all  
my strength, I forced him past it, and  
at the same instant there sounded upon  
my ear a low burst of laughter, so pec-  
uliar in its tone as to send an icy  
shudder through me. A something  
that was not human sounded in it. It  
was fiendish, devilish. Conquering  
my momentary weakness, I strained  
my eyes to pierce the darkness, in the  
hope of discovering the shape from  
which those sounds proceeded, but all  
was silent and deserted as the grave.  
The form must have been enveloped  
up in darkness, for I saw nothing. A  
strange feeling of dread weighed on  
my heart, vague and indefinite, and  
the night grew blacker and blacker.

The storm drew nearer, and my every  
effort was now directed to gain some  
place of shelter from the rain. I looked  
in vain for a light in the distance; all  
was black and desolate; torrents of  
rain poured down, soaking me to the  
skin; thunder crashed, and my poor  
horse galloped as for his life.

Once, between the thunder peals, I  
seemed to hear that same low, mad  
laugh in my ear, and shuddering, I  
wildly spurred my horse. Just  
then a light gleamed from the  
mained road, disclosing a hut about  
a hundred feet in advance; a second  
flash enabled me to reach the opening  
which had once been a door; but the  
whole miserable place was in a ruinous  
condition. For years it had been  
abandoned to wind and weather.

Fearfully I entered, and found myself  
in the largest of the two rooms which  
the hovel boasted. The ceiling was  
broken away, and the rain poured in  
upon the rotting floor, and beat through  
the broken window.

A Sound Legal Opinion.  
E. Bainbridge Munday, Esq., County  
Att'y, Clay Co., Texas, says: "Have used  
Electric Bitters with most happy results.  
My brother also was very low with Mal-  
lard's Fever, and Jones, but was cured  
by timely use of this medicine. He  
indicated Electric Bitters saved his life."  
Mr. D. L. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave,  
Ky., adds a like testimony, saying he  
positively believes he would have died,  
had it not been for Electric Bitters.  
This great remedy will ward off, as well  
as cure all Malarial Diseases, and for all  
fevers, and all Venereal Disorders  
stands unequalled. Price, 75c and \$1 at  
J. A. Swearingen's Drug Store. ad

UNDERWEAR, Caps and Heavy Gloves  
at greatly reduced prices at J. K. Rice &  
Co's.  
KNOWING the tremendous advance in  
Coffee within the past year, the reader  
will be surprised—we repeat it, surprised  
—to see what an excellent coffee can be  
had for 25c per pound at  
JESSE LEFORS & SONS.

JAMES HOLMES has purchased the  
best block of ground located at the corner of  
Main and Pine streets, now occupied by A. Wait  
as a residence. Block, where all old friends and new  
customers as well will receive a hearty welcome,  
and get shaving work done in first-class  
style. Hair cutting a specialty.  
JESSE LEFORS & SONS.

Nothing could be more  
could be imagined, but still  
it, and turning the poor horse loose  
outside, I passed into the inner room.  
A lightning flash illumined it, and  
standing bolt upright against the op-  
posite wall I saw the form of a man,  
his face distorted by a smile of wicked  
cunning, and as the darkness fell again,  
a shrieking laugh mingled with the  
thunder.  
Made desperate by the terrors of the  
night and of my loneliness, I struck a  
match and rushed forward; but the  
figure was gone, the room deserted.  
Turning, I passed into the first room  
but it was equally tenantless. Full of  
wonder and strange forebodings, I  
chose a dry spot and threw myself upon  
the floor and tried to sleep. Vain en-  
deavor; the figure haunted me, and  
often, as fatigue overpowered me and  
sleep seemed on the point of relieving  
me, the memory of that laughter would  
ring through my brain, and I would  
start wildly up, to find myself alone  
upon the floor with the storm still rag-  
ing without.

Finally, quite exhausted, I fell into a  
deep slumber, which lasted I know not  
how long, but which was suddenly and  
violently broken by that same demon-  
iac noise.  
This time I tried to rise, in vain; a  
dreadful weight was upon my chest,  
straining upon my eyes, I beheld in the  
light of the window, which now shone  
through the window, that same man's  
face beaming over mine. Terrified be-  
fore my expression, I struggled to free  
myself of the creature upon me; but  
my arms and legs were fast bound;  
the same cunning smile distorted the  
face, and the leering eyes rolled as I  
struggled vainly. I strove to shriek,  
but the sound came not; a faint gurgle  
was the only result of my frantic effort.

At the same instant the creature  
above me rose, and with chuckles and  
laugh, drew forth a coil of rope; nod-  
ding his head and gibbering, he ar-  
ranged a noose, and with another blood-  
curdling laugh, he placed it about my  
neck.

My God, the agony of that moment,  
when I realized that I was absolutely  
at the mercy of that madman! Tighter  
and tighter he drew the rope, till my  
face grew black with suffocation, and  
my eyes and tongue started from my  
head. Consciousness was almost gone  
when the pressure was slowly, steadily  
relaxed, and the man's face glared  
down upon me once more. I  
breathed again, he had spared me; the  
rush of joyful feeling overcame me.  
He marked the expression of my face,  
and, chuckling, drew the noose again,  
exulting to watch my face purple, and  
my eyes protrude. Twenty times I  
thought my death agony at hand, and  
twenty times, with a maniac's cunning,  
he restored my breath and prolonged  
my torture. How he chuckled and  
muttered to himself, wagging his fiend-  
ish head, and oh! my God, how, when  
I struggled to get free, wrestling in  
agony with death and torture, he ut-  
tered his insane, exulting laugh.

How I longed and prayed for death;  
how I hoped the madman would once  
draw the noose so tight that, when re-  
laxed, my breath would still refuse to  
come. Suddenly his brain seemed pos-  
sessed with some new plan.  
Slowly he drew off the rope, and  
with one backward glance left the  
room. At first I dared not hope for  
life; but when the time went by and  
still he came not, I began to think that  
he was gone entirely, and that my life  
might be saved. I struggled to free  
myself once more; struggled and  
writhed until my heart nearly burst  
through my body; but in vain. Just  
then a new sound caught my ear, like  
that of light shot up. Yes, it was true,  
the maniac had set fire to the hovel. And  
now I saw his face grinning at me  
through the window. Making one  
last superhuman effort, I uttered a fear-  
ful shriek. The madman leaped in at  
the window, and at the same instant  
another form followed him. Some one  
seized me. I know no more.

When consciousness returned, I was  
lying upon a bed in my sweetheart's  
own private room, and she, with tears  
in her gentle eyes, was watching my  
slow return to life.

I learned afterwards, when my  
strength returned, that the madman  
had escaped from an asylum in the  
neighborhood, and being missed his  
keeper, attracted by the sight of the  
flames, arrived just in time to save me  
from the horrible fate which seemed to  
await me. I had fallen into a deep  
swoon, and from that into a raging  
fever, and during my ravings enough  
was learned to send me to the house  
which had been my destination when I  
started out the previous night. As  
soon as I was well again Alice and I  
were married, and were surely happier  
than it falls to the lot of most mortals  
to be; but never while I live shall I  
forget the agonies of that one night of  
my life.—N. Y. Ledger.

—Somewhat ambiguous.—Visiting  
friend—"You have got a pretty house."  
Lady (who has just moved in)—"Yes,  
but we are all in confusion, and it  
does take such a long time to get  
things settled." Visiting friend—"It  
is a long time." Lady—"Yes, but  
I hope we'll be all settled before you  
call again."—Boston Courier.

—Booby was at a neighbor's, and in  
response to a piece of bread and butter  
politely said: "Thank you." "I like  
to hear little boys say 'Thank you.'"  
"Yes, ma told me I must say that  
if you gave me any thing to eat,  
even if it wasn't nothing but bread and  
butter."—Christian Advocate.

—No, ma'am," said a grocer to an  
applicant for credit, "I wouldn't even  
trust my own feelings."  
There is no denying the fact that Dr.  
Jones' Red Clove Liniment is the best  
cessful blood purifier ever put on the  
market. Its wonderful cure in all stom-  
ach, kidney and liver troubles has brought  
about many imitations. It restores debili-  
tated new blood, restores the diges-  
tive system, mental work or the ex-  
cessive use of liquor, opium and tobacco.  
Dr. A. J. Stoner will supply the genuine  
at 25c a bottle.

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reductions on Overcoats and Heavy Cloth-  
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Gente' Furnishing Goods,  
Embracing Underwear, Best Handker-  
chiefs, Half-hose, in the best goods, and  
at the lowest prices. LINN & SCOTT'S.  
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Novelties in Ladies' Felt Hats, at  
J. B. SENE'S.  
A FINE LINE of Boys' and Youth's Pat-  
ent Leather Shippers just received at  
Powers & Haworth. ad-dit

Loss of the British Bark Abercrombie.  
With Twenty of the Crew.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—According to  
news received yesterday, a vessel sup-  
posed to be the British bark Abercrombie,  
was wrecked upon the coast near  
San Francisco, the vessel being driven  
on the night of February 1, and all on  
board and two seamen and an apprentice  
were lost, about twenty perishing.  
The vessel arrived at the Columbia river  
about 11 p. m., and was lost over  
the breakers at the bar. She put to sea  
and was caught and driven north by the  
gale until she went on the rocks at the  
point named. The extreme roughness of  
the sea, and the violence of the wind,  
and the officers and crew, with the three ex-  
ceptions noted, perished in their attempts  
to reach shore. The Abercrombie was from  
London via Mayport, England, and  
Portland, Ore. She was no iron vessel,  
valued, with cargo, at \$125,000. The cap-  
tain was named McClellan.

No Natural Gas for Chicago.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Prof. J. F. Siebel, a  
well-known geologist, was engaged by a  
Chicago firm that has a gas find, to ex-  
amine the premises as an expert. In his  
report Prof. Siebel discourages the idea  
that natural gas will ever be found in  
Chicago in great quantities. The Trenton  
limestone, he states, which is the source  
of the gas supply, and is not seen under  
Chicago, and fifty miles west of this city,  
and at the same distance east rises near  
the surface. Any gas in the rock, the  
Professor says, would naturally be found  
at the highest points, and to the west  
in LaSalle County, or some distance east  
in Indiana.

No Truth in the Report of a Stove Man-  
ufacturers' Trust.  
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Mr. Granger  
Sard, president of the Stove Makers' As-  
sociation of the United States, said to a  
United Press reporter this morning:  
"There is no truth in the dispatch pub-  
lished by the New York papers from St.  
Louis to the effect that this stove man-  
ufacturers of the United States have  
formed a 'trust' or are meeting now in  
Cincinnati for that purpose. I will say  
that for over a year there has been talk  
of a more effective combination of stove  
manufacturers, but no steps whatever  
have been taken and nothing in the na-  
ture of a trust contemplated."

Heavy Damage to a Furniture Factory.  
BOSTON, Feb. 7.—The five-story wooden  
building of the F. M. Holmes Furniture  
Company, Charlestown, was damaged  
by fire yesterday to the extent of about  
\$40,000. The fire was caused by careless  
handling of a lamp.

The large number of workmen had an  
exciting experience, but managed to get  
out by the fire escapes and were unin-  
jured.

Her Name is not Dennis.  
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The young lady  
whose aspirations for the stage led her to  
run away from her home in Chicago and  
come to this city, is Miss Laura Lewis  
and not Dennis.

Carried by the "Dry."  
MANHATTAN, N. Y., Feb. 7.—This (Sat-  
urday) morning, on the subject of  
local option yesterday and the "Dry"  
element has a majority of about 3,000.

FULL WEIGHT  
PURE  
DR. PRICE'S  
CREAM  
BAKING  
POWDER  
MOST PERFECT MADE  
Its superior excellence proven in millions of  
houses for more than a quarter of a century. It  
is used by the United States Government. Ed-  
dorsed by the heads of the great Universities as  
superior to all other baking powders. Dr.  
Price's Cream Baking Powder does not con-  
tain Ammonia, Alum, or any other injurious  
ingredients. It is pure and healthy in every  
part. BAKING POWDER CO.  
NEW YORK. CHICAGO. ST. LOUIS.

Two physicians, of Morris, Ill., told E.  
W. Huxell that he was beyond the help of  
medicine or medical skill from a severe  
lung disease contracted in a cold rain.  
Was induced to try Dr. Bigelow's Cough  
Cure. Two bottles of which completed a  
cure. Over a year has elapsed and he is  
in excellent health, and has sold his  
farm. Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure is the  
only known consumption cure. Sold  
by Dr. A. J. Stoner in fifty-cent and dol-  
lar bottles. Get the genuine. Pleasant  
for children. 9c

Notice to Tax Payers.  
The taxes for the year 1887 are now  
due, and as the time for making the col-  
lection is shorter than in former years,  
by reason of a change in the law, all who  
are liable to pay taxes are requested to  
call at my office and make payment of  
the same without delay.  
Office hours from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.  
Office with Miller Bros., over Linn &  
Scot's store, E. H. Main Street, Decatur,  
Ill., Jan. 23, 1888. Bld&w

Children's Cloaks,  
A large assortment, in handsome styles  
and one at LINN & SCOTT'S.

Low Rate Excursion to New  
Orleans.  
To accommodate those who desire to attend  
the celebrated New Orleans Mardi Gras festi-  
vities beginning February 12th, and hundreds of  
others who desire to visit Jackson, Tenn., Wash-  
ington, Miss., Hammond, Crowley, Jennings, Welsh  
and Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a view to  
investments or permanent location in the south,  
the Illinois Central Railroad will make the fol-  
lowing exceedingly low round trip rate of \$20.75  
from Decatur to New Orleans and return. Ticket  
valid Feb. 1st to Feb. 1st, inclusive, and return  
until March 1st. From New Orleans round  
trip rates will be made as follows: To  
Crowley, \$20.75; Jennings, \$20.75; Welsh, \$20.75;  
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